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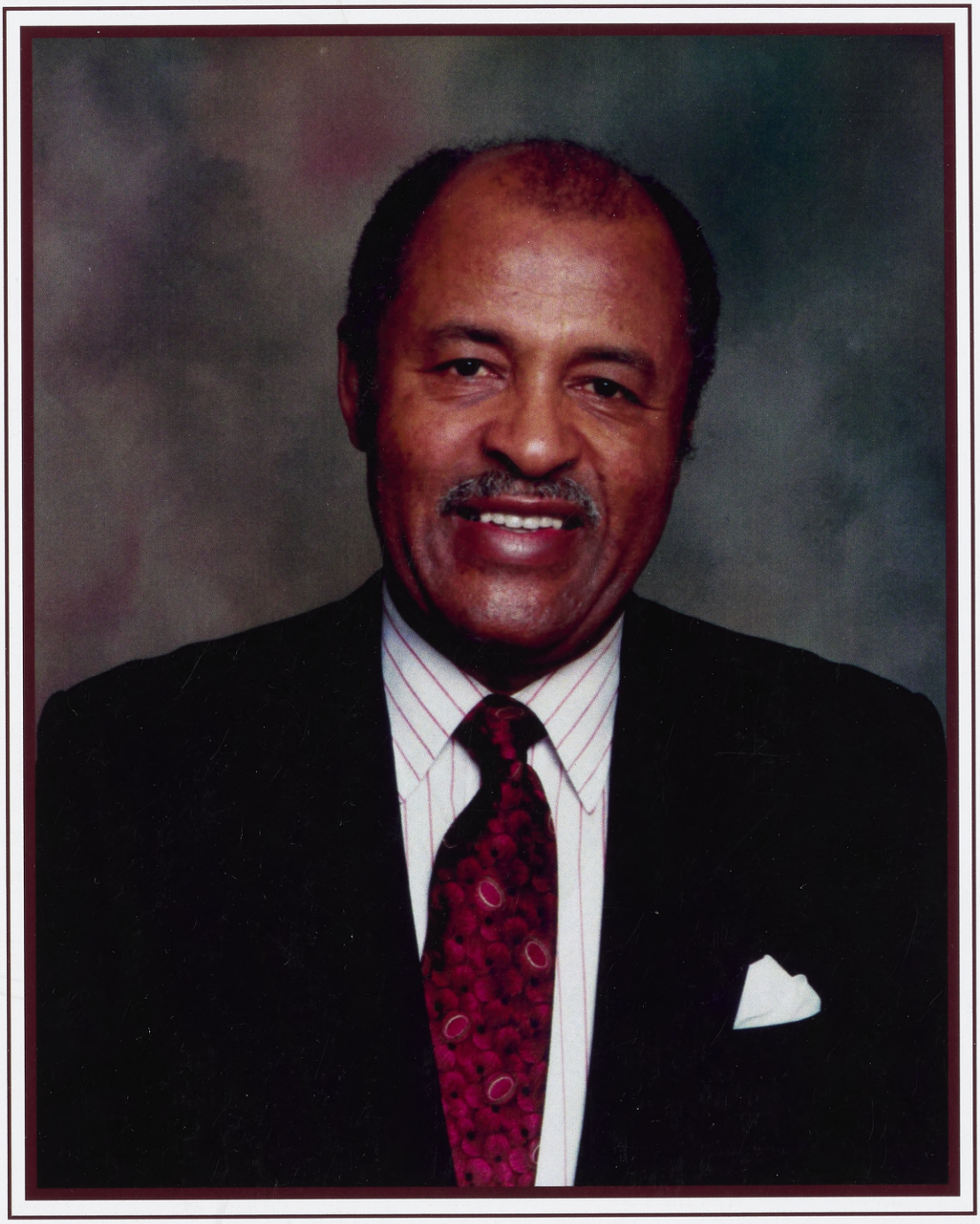


George L. Livingston

1933-2012

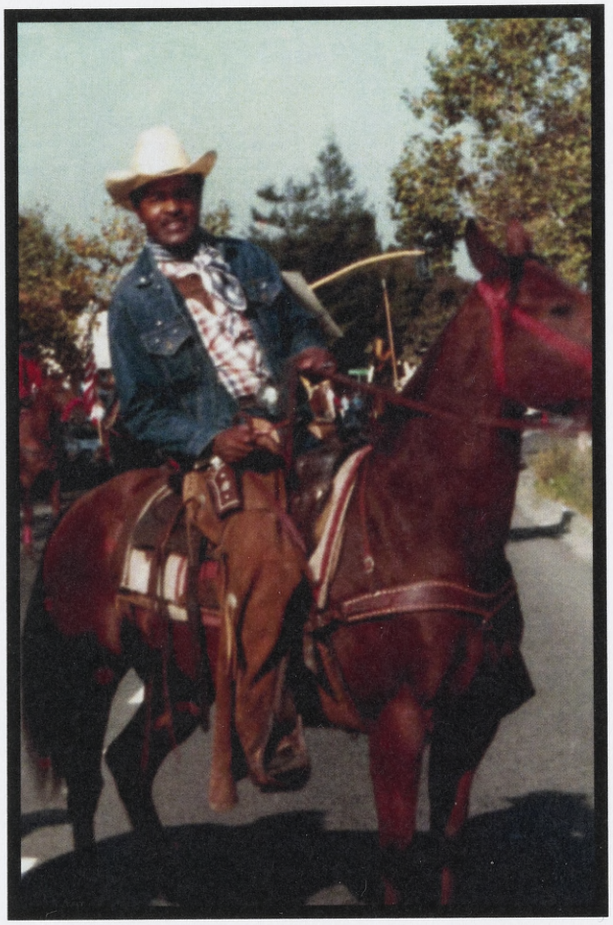
St. John Missionary Baptist Church
662 South 52nd Street Richmond, California

Dr. Kevin B. Hall, Pastor and Officiator

HIS LIFE STORY

Born in his grandfather's country log cabin in Oklahoma in 1933, George was the first child to his parents George Livingston and Grace Rivers. George grew up in an economically poor yet spiritually rich environment. He became a Christian as a young boy and learned early about God's gift of love and family.

In the 7th grade, George's teacher asked the class for nominations for the office of Class President. George nominated himself and immediately asked to close the nominations to get on with the election. After hearing no other nominations, George was soon voted unanimously as Class President. This marked the beginning of George's political career.



In the early 1950's as a teenager, George and his family moved to Berkeley, California where he graduated from Berkeley High School. Soon thereafter he married his wife Marilyn "Jackie" Mason and raised his son George Jr. and daughter Grace in Richmond, California. A second child Vicky, born between George Jr. and Grace, passed on at an early age. As a young man, George was inspired by community service and became a social advocate for his local community. He was elected President of his Neighborhood Council and in 1963 was appointed by the city leaders to serve on the Richmond City Planning Commission.

In 1966 George sought his first City Council seat and was elected as the youngest and 2nd African American City Councilman for Richmond. In 1969 he rotated and served as Mayor of Richmond gaining expanded political experience. In 1971, George ran for re-election of his City Council seat and lost in the first recorded tie vote in California history. George's close call election ended in a court battle where a judge determined that several of his votes should be tossed out because the "X" mark was not all the way in the box on the ballot, as some of the "X" marks for George's votes bordered the inside or outside of the box.

This final outcome of the election had the citizens of Richmond in an uproar, suggesting that this was a direct and outrageous act of racism. The citizens of Richmond continued to encourage George to seek another round for his political career. From 1971 to 1979, George continued his social activism, returned to college, received his Political Science degree and embarked upon a career in Public Relations at Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

After much prayer and support from his family and the community, in 1979, George again ran for Richmond City Council and received the top vote.

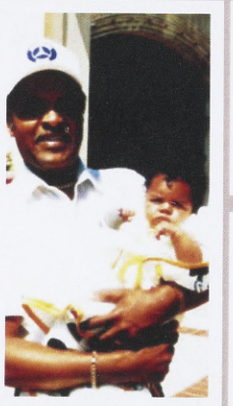
After the passing of his wife Jackie, George later married Eunice Robbins, and together they shared a beautifully blended family. George enjoyed many hobbies, of which talking was number one, but he always had a story or something to say. He also enjoyed horseback riding, watching western movies, golfing, listening to Calypso and Hawaiian music, traveling, returning to his roots in Okalahoma, and spending quality time with family and friends.

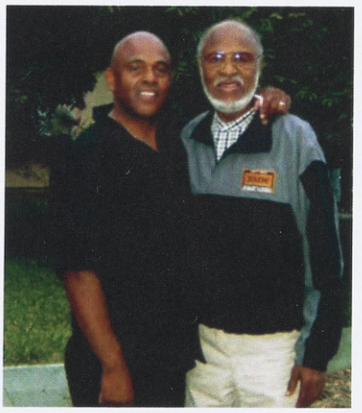
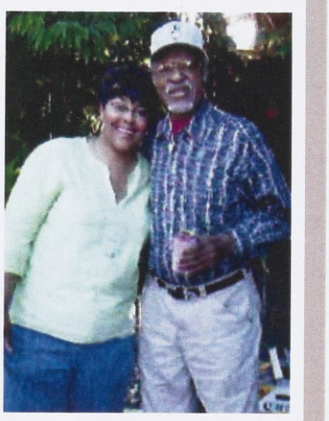
George later accomplished one of his greatest political victories in 1989, by being elected as the1st African American Full-Time Mayor in Richmond's history.

PRECIOUS MEMORIES

George's public service career continued until 1993. He later enjoyed retirement with his family and friends, an enriching spiritual experience as a long-time Deacon at St. John Missionary Baptist Church and became an active and respected political consultant.

George's legacy lives on through his wife Eunice Livingston, son George Livingston Jr. (Linda), daughter Grace Livingston-Nunley (Daryl), step-daughter Robin Jones (Andy), step-son Tony Robbins, granddaughters; Azure'D Nunley, Hanaya Robbins, Jacq'lene Massey (Gerald), Dionna Livingston, Brittney Jones, Erika Livingston, and Jamil Livingston, great grandsons; Jaylen Jones and Brian Massey, sisters; Evelyn Bryson (Louis "LA") and Shirley Reed, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many close friends and loved ones.



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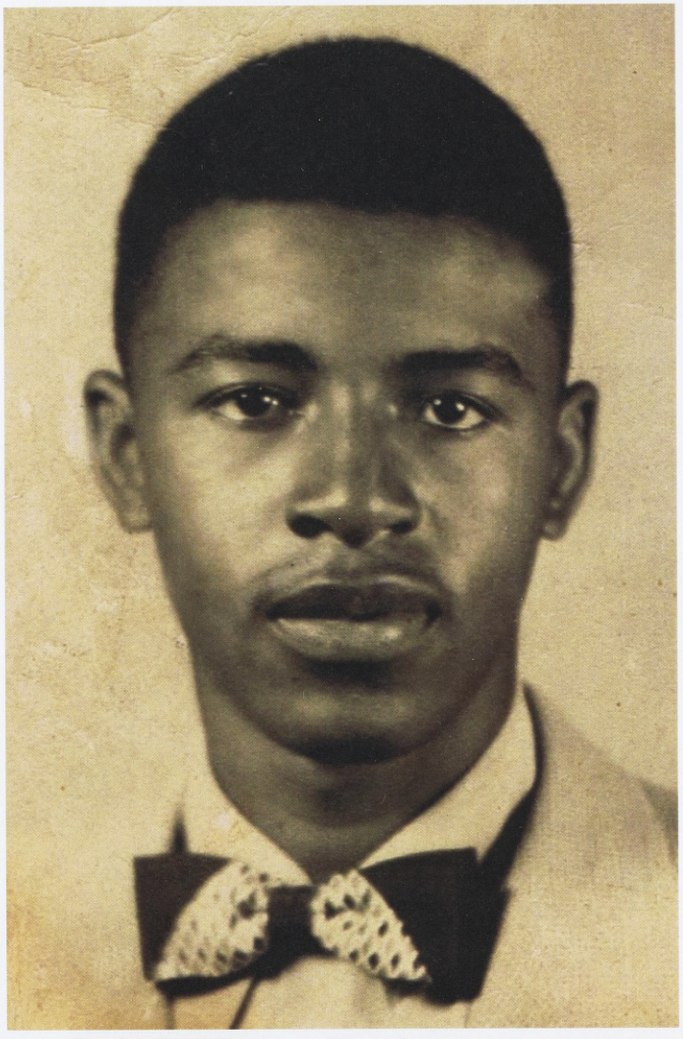

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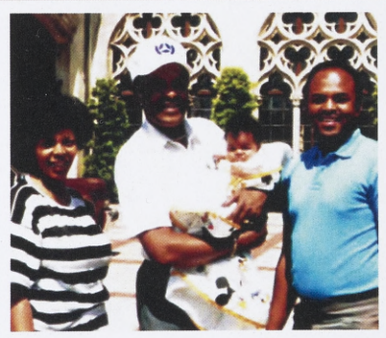

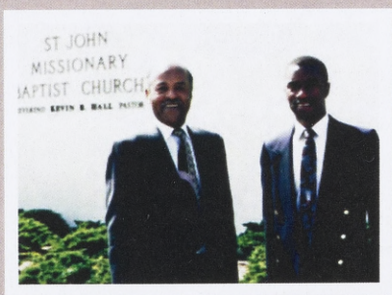

PRECIOUS MEMORIES

Order of Service

Viewing prior to service

Musical Prelude	Brother Steven Green
Processional	Clergy, Family and Friends
Holy Scriptures:	
Old Testament	Rev. Dr. Dwayne Winrow
New Testament	Rev. Dr. Claude Bass
Prayer	Rev. Dr. Leslie R. White
Solo/Selection	Rev Cynthia Harris " His Eyes Are On The Sparrow "
Resolution	Sister Ann Lucas
Acknowledgements	Ingrid Bryson-Whyte
Words of Love	(2 minutes please) Church....Deacon Elwood Jordan
Community/Political Experience	Former Mayor Irma Anderson, James (Jim) McMillan, Nathaniel (Nat) Bates.
Friends	Keith Graham, Tony Taylor
Family	Azure'D Nunley, Jaylen Jones
Obituary	Read silently
Solo/Selection	Shanee Y. W. Nelson "How Great Thou Art"
Eulogy	Rev. Dr. Kevin B. Hall
Recessional	Funeral Services

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Julian Griffin • Henry Keith • Kenard Levine • Del Lyles, Jr. • Bryan Takei • Tyrone Willis

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

James (Jim) McMillan, Nathaniel(Nat) Bates, Tony Taylor, Vern Whitmore, St John Missionary Baptist Church Deacon Board, Mike Davenport, Louis Bryson, Jesse Mason, Theodore Williams, John Ziesenhenne, Lonnie Washington, Michael Hayes, Robert Rogers, Joe Fisher, Edward Jordan, Nephews, Prince Hall Mason, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Sean Nunley-Willis, Willie Rivers, Robert Rivers, Billy Leonard, Robert Cannon, Dick Kosher, Darrell Resse, Dave Howard

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Livingston Family would like to thank you for your many acts of kindest during our time of sympathy. Your prayers, calls, food dishes, and visits will remain with us. We ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers.

The Livingston Family

Arrangements Entrusted to
Wilson & Kratzer Mortuaries 455 24th Street Richmond, CA 94804

Internment: Rolling Hills Memorial Park Richmond, CA
4100 Hilltop Drive Richmond, CA 94803

Father George,
I am so proud to be a part of your legacy. You showed your love through so many ways, and provided experiences for me that others can never dream of! I can't imagine life without you, but I know you will always be with me.

I love you more than words can say, and will cherish every second of every memory I have!

Love you always and forever,
Your "Sixteen Candle Girl" -Azure'D

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Dear Father George,
I know you are in heaven looking down on us. I would like to thank you for all the love and support you have shown me and my son. Thank you for always believing in us. You have given me so many words of wisdom and I will carry them with me in my heart. Good bye for now.

-Hanaya

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I close my eyes-
I see your smile and hear you say; "Hello, hello, hello," as you open your front door to greet me. You embrace me with a hug, we walk into the kitchen, sit at the counter, and you pull out a can of cashews for us to nibble on. You tell me stories of your youth, and make jokes, with the occasional picks at me. We kid back and forth, we laugh, we talk about the current events, history, politics, family, friends-- we talk. You make sure I fix a plate, have a drink, and make myself and home, becasue your home is my home. You call a secret meeting with Eunice, and hand me $20, just because. When it's time for me to leave, you give me a hug and say, "How'd you get so ugly;" though I know you mean beautiful. We say loyalty forever, and you walk me out. I open my eyes and realize that my memories of yesterday are all I have to bring you back for now, and I hold them close and cherish them. Words cannot express the pain I feel in my heart from losing you. You were not only my grandfather, you were my friend. We had a beautiful relationship and a special bond that I will cherish all of my life. I am so thankful, proud, and above all blessed to be your grandaughter. You were an angel on earth who has returned home, and I'll see you again in heaven.
I love you with all of my heart.

Loyalty Forever,
Jacq'lene
PS: I will tell Brian all about you, he'll know how lucky he is to be your grandchild.

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Father George. You watched me grow into the woman I am today. You always encouraged me to reach for the stars and make good decisions. You would always tell me how proud of me you were. On this day I reflect on your life and say, Thank you for being should a wonderful influence. Achieving your goals and being so loving. Because of you I will do as you did.

I love you Father George and you will always be with me.
- Dionna

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I am so blessed to have had such an amazing grandfather like you. I will never forget that trip to Hawaii, taking rides in your Mercedes, or even just sitting with you and eating cornbread and buttermilk. I will miss all of the times we've had but when I get sad, I'll close my eyes and think of all of the wonderful memories I have of you. I love you so much and I will always remember my "Father George". I'll miss you
- Brittney

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Dear Father George,
It's hard to write this knowing you aren't here, not knowing if you're right here reading this, or if you'll ever see this, but that doesn't change the fact that I love you more than I can say in words, and miss so much already. You have been one of the best teachers on my journey through life. I plan to take what I've learned with me with the rest of my life. I hope you're practicing your checker moves, you owe me a game!
I love you so much.

Love Erika

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When people say I'm sorry to hear about your grandfather I smile and tell them that its okay. Because to me he didn't die he went home. My Grandfather was the first elected black mayor of Richmond. How many other people can say that. But even though he went home I still miss him very much. Its okay because I know when its my time to go home to, ill see him again. —Jamil Alani